

Rules to prevent accidents in Small Mines.

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Letter No. 1604, dated 12th March 1930, from the Director of Geology and the Chief Inspector of Mines, submitting for the consideration of Government, a set of rules applicable to small mines worked on the open cast system or by other methods and stating that these rules have been framed following a comparative study of the rules obtaining in British India and other Mining Countries so as to suit local conditions and to meet practical difficulties and that the compilation of a separate set of rules has become necessary as the provisions of the rules framed under the Mysore Mines Regulation, IV of 1906 are somewhat elaborate and not applicable to small mines.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. 1782, dated 29th March 1932, from the Chief Inspector of Mines, furnishing his views on certain points.

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Government are pleased to approve of the set of special rules framed for small mines by the Director of Geology and the Chief Inspector of Mines with a view to prevent mining accidents and ensure the safety of persons employed in or about the mines and to direct that they be published in the *Mysore Gazette*. A separate Notification will be issued in this behalf.

2. The General Rules published under General Notification No. Geol. 444, dated 22nd August 1911, will in future apply only to Mines other than small mines to which the Special Rules now proposed will be applicable.

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ANNEXURE.

**Special Rules proscribed under Sections 21 and 37 of the Mysore Mines
Regulation (IV of 1906) for Small Mines.**

I. Definitions.

1. (1) "Small Mine" means any working which does not exceed at any place a vertical depth of 150 feet below the level of the pit's mouth.

(2) "Manager" means the owner if he is himself on the spot in control of operations or the person who is the local representative of the owner.

II. Safety of workings.

2. The sides of open-workings shall be sloped, stepped or secured in such a manner as to prevent danger from falls of material.

3. When an open-working is worked in steps, the steps shall be of sufficient breadth compared with their height to secure safety.

4. In open-workings, trees liable to fall, the over-burden and all loose ground and material shall be removed sufficiently far from the edge, or otherwise made secure, in order to prevent danger to persons employed in the mine.

5. When any trench or other excavation more than 10 feet deep made in the course of mining operations is or has been abandoned or the working thereof discontinued, at whatever time the abandonment or discontinuance occurs or may have occurred, the Owner or Manager shall without delay either fill up such trench or other excavation, or protect the same by a substantial stone barrier on all sides at least 3 feet 6 inches high and 2 feet thick;

Provided that this rule may be relaxed with the consent of the Chief Inspector of Mines in the case of an open-working of which no side has a steeper slope than 45° and which in the Chief Inspector's opinion is not dangerous.